

# Vermont Assistive Technology Funding & Referral Resources

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A short summary of where to apply for funding in Vermont for the purchase of Assistive Technology Devices, Software, and Programs.

**Funding  
Resources**  
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# Vermont Assistive Technology Program

## Funding Resources

1. **Opportunities Credit Union – The Independence Fund (Alternative Financing Program)**  
25 Winooski Falls Way Suite 203 PO Box 67 Winooski VT 05404  
800-865-8328 or 802- 654-4540 Fax- 802 654-4551  
**Web Site:** <http://oppsvt.org/independence-fund-loans/>
2. **A Guide to Medicaid Funding of Communication Evaluations and Devices (PDF)**  
**Web Site:** <http://ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-publications/publications-dds/publications-dds-documents/dds-publications-communication/medicaid-funding-manual-w-appendices>
3. **The Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)**  
11 East State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
**800-639-1522**  
**email:** [vcil@vcil.org](mailto:vcil@vcil.org)  
**Web Site:** <http://www.vcil.org/services/sue-williams-freedom-fund>
4. **The Kelly Brush Foundation**  
7 Aspen Drive  
South Burlington, VT 05403  
**802-846-5298**  
**email:** [joycewallace@kellybrushfoundation.org](mailto:joycewallace@kellybrushfoundation.org)  
**Web Site:** <http://kellybrushfoundation.org/contact.php>
5. **Vermont Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program**  
**Web Site:** <http://www.vtedp.org/>
6. **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
**Brattleboro | 802-254-8761**  
38 Park Place, Suite 2, 05301  
Fax 802-254-4802

Toll free 877-350-8840

**Montpelier | 802-828-5997**

10 Main Street, 05602

Fax 802-828-5999

Toll free 877-350-8838

**Rutland | 802-775-6452**

80 West Street, Suite 202, 05701

Fax 802-775-4669

Toll free 877-350-8839

**South Burlington | 802-863-1358**

60 Kimball Avenue, 05403

Fax 802-863-1481

Toll free 800-639-5861

Web Site: <http://www.vabvi.org/> Email: [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org)

7. Stern Center for Language and Learning

135 Allen Brook Lane

Williston, VT 05495-9209

Telephone: (802) 878-2332

***Note: Neuropsychological evaluation “scholarships” available must ask to apply.***

**8. Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports**

73 Alpine Drive, Pico Mountain

P.O. Box 139

Killington, VT 05751

Telephone: (802) 786-4991

FAX: (802) 786-4986

<http://www.vermontadaptive.org>

**Note: Funding Scholarships are for individuals only, no groups. Apply to coordinator in your area for scholarships to participate in VASS activities.**

1 – Tom Alcorn, Pico Mountain Program Coordinator

Telephone: (802) 353-7584

email: [south@vermontadaptive.org](mailto:south@vermontadaptive.org)

2 – Heather Timins, Sugarbush Program Coordinator

Telephone: (802) 343-1193

email: [north@vermontadaptive.org](mailto:north@vermontadaptive.org)

3 – Amber Tierney, CTRS, Program Coordinator, Bolton Valley Resort Winter Adaptive Snow Sports Program

(802) 353-3178

email: [truenorth@vermontadaptive.org](mailto:truenorth@vermontadaptive.org)

**9. Lions Clubs International Foundation**

300 W. 22nd St.

Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

USA

630-468-6901

630-571-5735 (fax)

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

**Note: Contact your local Lions Club for individual funding needs**

**10. UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation, Inc.**

[www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org)

Foundation that provides medical grants to cover services and equipment not funded by commercial insurance.

**11. HIKE Fund**

[www.thehikefund.org](http://www.thehikefund.org)

Funding source for children's hearing aides.

**12. Muscular Dystrophy Association**

[www.mda.org/equipment.html](http://www.mda.org/equipment.html)

MDA Clinic- Fletcher Allen Health Care Center

1 South Prospect St. Burlington, VT 05401

Director: Rup Tandan, M.D.

**13. Children with Special Health Needs**

[www.healthvermont.gov/family/cshn/cshn.aspx](http://www.healthvermont.gov/family/cshn/cshn.aspx) CHSN provides services to VT children (Birth- age 21) with complex health conditions, and to their families

**14. United Cerebral Palsy (Funding Tips and Options)**

[www.ucp.org/resources/assistive-technology/funding-tips](http://www.ucp.org/resources/assistive-technology/funding-tips)

**15. Association of Blind Citizens**

[www.blindcitizens.org/assistive\\_tech.htm](http://www.blindcitizens.org/assistive_tech.htm) Provides funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software for residents of the United States who are legally blind.

**16. Abledata Assistive Technology Funding Resources**

[http://www.abledata.com/abledata\\_docs/What%20are%20Your%20Options%20to%20Pay%20for%20Assistive%20Devices.pdf](http://www.abledata.com/abledata_docs/What%20are%20Your%20Options%20to%20Pay%20for%20Assistive%20Devices.pdf) Compilation of funding resources and helpful links regarding options for paying for assistive devices.

**17. Family Information Guide to Assistive Technology**

<http://www.fctd.info/resources/fig/Sec3.htm> Strategies and resources for funding assistive technology

**18. Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) Funding Resources Guide**

<http://www.atia.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4219> “Area sources and resources that you can investigate and explore as prospective funding options” (ATIA Website)

### **Referrals for services:**

(Please visit the website provided with each listing if you have additional questions about the services provided.)

#### **Assistive Technology for Education, LLC**

**Diana Petschauer, M.Ed., ATP, CEO**

New England Based; Services Provided Nationally. [dp.atspecialist@gmail.com](mailto:dp.atspecialist@gmail.com)

(603) 998-4980 <http://assistivetechologyforeducation.com/>

We provide AT assessments and ongoing support for students, parents, educators and professionals throughout New England.

#### **Woodhaven Consulting - Sylvia Hutchinson 744-6461. [woodhavenfc@hotmail.com](mailto:woodhavenfc@hotmail.com)**

For demonstrations of Dragon, Read and Write Gold, and Smart Pen, including basic computer skills. No current website.

#### **Maple Leaf Clinic:**

Maple Leaf Clinic, 167 North Main St. Wallingford, VT 05773, Phone: (802) 446-3577 Fax: (802) 446-3801 [mapleleafclinic@vermontel.net](mailto:mapleleafclinic@vermontel.net)  
<http://www.mapleleafclinic.com/>

Provides neuropsychological, educational, psychological, speech and language, and social thinking assessments of children, adolescents and adults. Therapy for people of all ages is provided. Our services also include social skills development for all ages, educational or clinical consultation (in person, by phone, or through iChat/SKYPE), and professional development.

Maple Leaf Clinic is also proud to host Camp Maple Leaf, a summer camp that caters to the social needs and relaxation skills of campers with Nonverbal Learning Disabilities (NLD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Asperger's Syndrome (AS), High Functioning Autism (HFA), or Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS).

***We are primarily a fee for service clinic; however, we do have some openings for Medicaid patients and are in the process of applying to be able to accept Medicare patients.***

## **Stern Center For Language and Learning**

**802-878-2332** <http://www.sterncenter.org/programs-services/learning-evaluations>

Learning Evals, Instruction, Communication Services-Social Learning, SLP's, Building Blocks for Literacy. Types of Learning Evals they do are:

### **Comprehensive Learning Evaluations**

Comprehensive evaluations assess thinking skills, academic achievement, attention/executive function, and language. Learning evaluations are essential in planning an effective instructional program, monitoring progress, and diagnosing differences in learning.

### **Speech and Language Evaluations**

Speech and Language evaluations focus on oral language abilities including the understanding and usage of language. Analyses of vocabulary, sentence structure, conversation, and speech sound production provide knowledge about an individual's communication abilities.

### **Psychological Evaluations**

Psychological evaluations assess emotional and social functioning. Results help answer questions as to whether attention, self-esteem, anxiety, and/or impulse control may be affecting learning or quality of life.

### **Neuropsychological Evaluations**

Neuropsychological evaluations provide a global assessment of brain function related to specific attention, language, motor, social, and thinking skills. Results help refine and increase the robustness of behavioral, educational, and social programs.

### **Social Thinking® Evaluations**

For many students, social relationships are very challenging. Some students have difficulty initiating social relationships and experience anxiety. Others misinterpret intentions of those around them.

An evaluation of a student's social thinking provides parents and school teams with specific information important to developing educational programming. Gathering detailed information about social interaction patterns, including strengths and weaknesses, helps students improve their social thinking and self-esteem. Assessment of joint attention, cooperation, play skills, perspective-taking, executive functioning, and meta-cognition (thinking about thinking) occurs across different contexts, e.g., home and school. Results and recommendations are provided through a written report.

**Social Thinking® Evaluations include:**

- Student interviews
- Student history
- Executive Functioning tasks
- Social Responsiveness Scale (SRS)
- Administration of language testing
- Informal Questionnaires

**Taproot Academic Coaching, Anne Connor:** <http://taprootacademiccoaching.com/gdss/>

p: 802-249-8254 | [taprootac@gmail.com](mailto:taprootac@gmail.com)

Taproot Academic Coaching offers a full range of coaching services that can help adult learners be successful at reaching educational, process and professional goals. Services: Academic Counseling, ADHD Counseling.

**Ascent Learning Services, Inc.**

6 Hillcrest Road

Essex Junction, VT 05452

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